(g) The DWCD has undertaken regional efforts, in alliance with NGOs, to creat greater awareness of the dimensions of trafficking and increase sensitivity to victims among Government departments, the police and judiciary, as well as within civil society at large.

(h) Some of the State Governments have enacted legislation to prohibit Devdasi and Jogin traditions of sexual exploitation.

(i) Based on National Human Right Commission's report about Action Research on Trafficking in Women and Children 2002-03, some of the State Governments have been requested to review the problem of trafficking with a view to evolving a comprehensive strategy for prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of victims of effectively deal with the same, sensitize/train police officials at all levels and to carry out special drives in the most vulnerable areas to ensure that besides securing the rescue of the victims the traffickers are brought to book and justice delivered expeditiously.

(j) A Working Group on Cross Border Trafficking of Women and Children was constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs to identify the transit points, routes, methodology, transport, funding, nexus between individuals and organised gangs and to suggest measures to prevent cross border trafficking. The Group recommended setting up of Organised Crime Units in affected States, posting of atleast one Deputy Superintendent of Police at the identified affected districts for the Organised Crime Units, systematic collection of information of cases of trafficking, institutionalization of a mechanism for regular reverse feedback to border agencies/ intelligence agencies/immigration authorities etc., through National Crime Records Bureau and strengthening, sensitization and training of border check posts. The recommendations of the Group along with a list of identified infiltration routes and touts have been sent to all the State Governments and Union Territories for taking necessary action for implementation of those recommendations.

Constitution of National Disaster Management Authority

3630. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a National Disaster Management Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to control mushrooming illegal construction in the capital city Delhi, which is a potential danger to the lives of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to constitute a National Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Authority shall be assisted by an Advisory Committee of Experts and an Executive Committee of Secretaries. The Authority shall be responsible for drawing up a National Disaster Management Plan in consultation with States, coordinating and monitoring its implementation as also coordinating response to a disaster.

(c) In order to curb illegal encroachment and unauthorized construction in Delhi, Government has been issuing instructions from time to time to various local bodies to take strong and prompt action in all such cases including misuse of land in violation of the provisions of Master Plan of Delhi. Further, the unified building byelaws of Delhi 1983 also provide for adequate measures to be taken for safety against fire hazards and natural disasters like earthquake, compliance of which is to be ensured by the local bodies while sanctioning building plans.

Custodial deaths in Delhi

3631. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of custodial deaths registered in Delhi during 2003 and 2004;

(b) the number of officers and other ranks of Delhi Police accused in these cases, the number out of them who are absconding and the number against whom criminal proceedings have been initiated;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those absconding; and

(d) what tangible steps are proposed to be taken so that such cases don'trecur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY: (a) to (c) Details of cases relating to custodial deaths registered during the years 2003 and 2004 are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)